

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A breathable pad for application to the human skin, ~~to develop a decongestant, cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical action,~~ comprising:

a flexible porous support having at least one surface, and
at least one layer of gel which is applied to at least one surface of said flexible porous support;

wherein said gel comprises:

~~on at least one surface of which is applied a layer of gel comprising between~~
50 wt% ~~and to~~ 77 wt% ~~[[of]]~~ water,
~~between~~
6.5 wt% ~~and to~~ 44 wt% of a dermatologically compatible polymer,
~~between~~
0 wt% ~~and to~~ 10 wt% of a substance of plant origin comprising essential oils and
aromatic extracts; and

~~between~~
0 wt% ~~and to~~ 10 wt% of at least one dermatologically compatible component ~~chosen~~
~~from the group consisting of~~ which is a soothing, skin repairing, cicatrising, anti-
inflammatory, antiseptic ~~and or~~ bactericidal substance~~[[s]]~~, and

~~the percentages being by weight, and~~
~~wherein said layer of gel comprises between~~
0.01 wt% ~~and to~~ 5.2 wt% of an alkaline or alkaline earth metal tetraborate, ~~the~~
~~percentages being by weight~~

wherein said pad exhibits at least one decongestant, cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical
action.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said support consists of a non-woven fabric made of fibres chosen from the group consisting of viscose, polyester and polyethylene fibres, mixed polyester/viscose fibres, cotton and linen, said fabric support having a thickness between 15 and 200 microns, a density from 65 to 145 g/dm³ and a weight between 15 and 150 g/m².

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said gel comprises between 0.001 wt% and 5.2 wt% of at least one dermatologically compatible auxiliary component ~~chosen from the group consisting of~~ which is a solvent[[s]], wetting agent[[s]], preservative[[s]], emulsifier[[s]], stabilizer[[s]], solubilizer[[s]], surfactant[[s]], or colorant[[s]], ~~the percentages being by weight.~~

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The pad as claimed in claim 3, wherein said gel comprises between 0.001 wt% and 5.2 wt% of at least one dermatologically compatible auxiliary component ~~chosen from the group consisting of~~ which is a solvent[[s]], wetting agent[[s]], preservative[[s]], emulsifier[[s]], stabilizer[[s]], solubilizer[[s]], surfactant[[s]], or colorants, ~~the percentages being by weight.~~

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 3, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The pad as claimed in claim 4, wherein said flexible porous support is impregnated with said substance of plant origin, present in a quantity between 0% and 10% by weight on the total weight of the gel applied to the support.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): ~~A decongestant comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1~~ The breathable patch of Claim 1, which contains at least one decongestant.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The breathable patch of Claim 1 which contains at least one cosmetic ~~A cosmetic comprising:~~
~~the pad as claimed in Claim 1.~~

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The breathable patch of Claim 1, which contains at least one pharmaceutical ~~A pharmaceutical comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~A decongestant nasal patch comprising the pad as claimed in Claim 1~~ The breathable patch of Claim 1, which is configured as a decongestant nasal patch and which contains at least one decongestant,

wherein said patch exerts at least one decongestant action when applied to skin under the nose.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~A pharmaceutical eye patch comprising:~~
~~the pad as claimed in Claim 1~~

The breathable patch of Claim 1, which is configured to fit over the eye and which contains an ocular gel,

wherein said patch when applied over an eye produces a localized cooling, anti-edemic, and/or healing effect.

Claim 16 (New): A breathable pad comprising:
a flexible porous support having at least one surface, and
at least one layer of gel which is applied to at least one surface of said flexible porous support;

wherein said gel comprises:

50 wt% to 77 wt% water, and

6.5wt% to 44 wt% of a dermatologically compatible polymer; and

5 wt% to 10 wt% of a substance of plant origin comprising essential oils and aromatic extracts, and/or

5 wt% to 10 wt% of at least one dermatologically compatible component which is a soothing, skin repairing, cicatrising, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic or bactericidal substance,

wherein said pad exerts at least one decongestant, cosmetic and/or pharmaceutical action when applied to human skin.

Claim 17 (New): The breathable pad of Claim 16, which contains 5 wt% to 10 wt% of a substance of plant origin comprising essential oils and aromatic extracts.

Claim 18 (New): The breathable pad of Claim 16, which contains 5 wt% to 10 wt% of at least one dermatologically compatible component which is a soothing, skin repairing, cicatrising, anti-inflammatory, antiseptic or bactericidal substance.

Claim 19 (New): The breathable pad of Claim 16, wherein said gel contains polyvinyl alcohol and 0.01 wt% to 5.2 wt% of an alkaline or alkaline earth metal tetraborate.

Claim 20 (New): The breathable pad of Claim 16, wherein the polymerizable components of said gel are polymerized by gamma rays, beta rays or UV rays.